

The Lions Roar

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The Lions Club of Strathroy - Caradoc

We welcome community-minded men and women with a desire to assist others and enjoy good fellowship.

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A Monthly Newsletter District A-1 Zone 7

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President's Message...

What a past month we have had. We couldn't have asked for better weather for our "Tree of Light" celebration. The month did pass by quickly with club, zone and cabinet meetings along with sales of our benches and lights for our tree at Town Hall. We should all be proud of the great job we did. We will anxiously wait for the placing of the benches in the spring. Lion Barry will have more to say in the bulletin.

Now we are in December and our Lions will concentrate on those less fortunate and spend some time with their own families. We are



Lion Mariette Desjardine, President of the Strathroy - Caradoc Lions Club, and President of Lions Camp Dorset

giving a big box of non-perishable food and necessities to the Women's Rural Resource Centre that we collected from our Lions.

We have also adopted a family of seven and will provide Christmas dinner and gifts for everyone so they

may enjoy the holiday season.

Many of our Lions are down south for the next few months and we will not be having dinner meetings, but will continue with our business meetings so we can keep up to date with important issues.

We were very saddened to hear of the passing of Lion Ben, husband of our Lion Elma. Our Lion family support, thoughts and prayers are sent to Elma and her family.

I would like to wish a very Merry Christmas and prosperous 2015 to you and yours.

"Lions can be the whole family. It can be everyone, because that's really what community is - it's everyone."

Yours in Lionism
Lion Mariette



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DISTRICT A-1 ZONE 7

- Regular Club Meetings are held twice a month except during July, August, Jan, Feb (if too many are in warmer climates).
- 1st Thursday of each month is a Business Meeting held at Seasons Retirement
- 3rd Thursday of the month is a Dinner Meeting at Strathroy Legion

President: Mariette Desjardine
 1st Vice: Ed Hadbavny
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Zone Chair Visit



Zone Chair, Lion Jerry Veale, along with Lions Dan Untch and Tony Bruinick from Mt. Brydges Lions attended our November 6th Dinner Meeting.

[Zone Chair Lion Jerry Veale](#)

Lion Jerry's comments can be viewed by clicking the link above

Previous Sponsors:

- Nov. [HY - WAY Collision](#)
- Jan. [Portugal Custom Homes](#)
- Feb. [Ralph Bos Meats](#)
- March [Dale Wurfel Chrysler](#)
- April [Doug & Marion's Bike Sales & Repairs](#)
- May [DAMEN Optimal Health Team](#)
- June Four Seasons Lawn Care
- Sept. [Meridian Lightweight Technologies](#)

Check your calendar:

- Dec 4 Business Mtg @ Seasons
- Dec. 17 1st day of Hanukkah
- Dec. 25 Christmas day
- Jan 15 Business Mtg @ Seasons
- Jan 25 Cabinet Mtg in Kingsville
- Feb 5 Business Mtg @ Seasons
- Feb 19 Dinner Mtg @ Legion
- March 2 3rd Zone Mtg @ Glencoe
- March 5 Business Mtg @ Seasons
- March 19 Dinner Mtg @ Legion (VDG Eric Dolansky)
- Apr 10-12 District Convention @ Lamplighter in London
- Apr 16 Dinner Mtg @ Legion / Guests Delaware Lions
- May 19 4th Zone Mtg @ Mt. Brydges
- Last Thurs. of every month: **Chamber of Commerce** meets (we're members)

Membership Events

INVITE A GUEST / MEMBER CANDIDATE TO A REGULAR MEETING



[Prospective Member Form](#)
[Membership Growth Award info](#)

OUR SPONSOR OF THE MONTH:

Obituary of Benjamin Dolansky

Peacefully at home on Tuesday, December 2nd, 2014 in his 90th year. Benjamin Dolansky of Strathroy, formerly of Montreal. Ben is survived by his loving wife Elma and two sons; Mike (Sandra) Dolansky and Eric (Kris) Dolansky. Ben is fondly remembered by his grandchildren Erin, Sarah, Matthew and Lyndsay Dolansky.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital Foundation or to the Lions Club Eyes Right. Donations and condolences may be left online at www.denning.ca .

Lion Ben was a Charter Member of the Strathroy - Caradoc Lions Club.



Gift Baskets Draw Winners

Beth Breimer and Lion President Mariette Desjardine



Lion Gary Lawton, Dennis Szela, Lion Jean Lawton



Christmas Donations

Women's Rural Resource Centre: Lions Mariette & Ed



Salvation Army: Lions Mariette & Ed



“Tree of Light” Tree Lighting Ceremony: Nov.28.14

The annual “[Tree Lighting Ceremony](#)”, held the last Friday in November, is a work-bee day, but also a social event for members working together and teasing Lion Ed or Gary (just to beat them to the punch-line).

It all came together with the cooperation of Council, Andrew Meyer, Len Tavener, Crystal Loyst, and Brad Dausett of the Municipality. Darryl of ‘Sound Sensation’ provided the D.J. sound services.

The Strathroy Chorale and grade 4 choir from Mary Wright Public School provided the seasonal carol singing.

Somehow, santa heard about teh community gathering and greeted the young and older.

Proceeds from the “bulb sales” will be used for Lions community services and to provide benches for the downtown core and hospital grounds.



Bench Sponsors:

Bos Meats Collins Barrow
Butch & Mariette Desjardine

Dennings Firefield Landscaping
Gloria Wolfe family Hy-Way Collision
The Loft Mainstreet Credit Union
McRobert Fuels Murals in Metal
NAPA Auto Parts Pizza Delight
Poag’s Jewellery Ricco Foods
Shoppers Drugs Slegers Greens
Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Sunny’s Taxi
Vari-Form Technolgy

District News

Building Community Capacity for Positive Youth Development Training-of-Trainers

2015 Dates to be Announced Soon

Plans are underway for our 2015 workshops and we are looking for communities that are willing to host a Training-of-Trainers workshop. If you are interested in hosting please [contact Pat](#) to discuss the details.

[Learn more about this training opportunity.](#)



Workshop participants build the local capacity to support the positive development of children and youth.

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN ACTION - THE RIPPLE EFFECT

Tim Horton Children's Foundation

Our friends at [Tim Horton Children's Foundation \(THCF\)](#) take Positive Youth Development very seriously and Lions Quest Canada is proud to be part of their efforts. THCF has recently released a video called [The Ripple Effect](#) that shares their story and we encourage you to watch it and learn how they have invigorated their programs by being deliberate and intentional about Positive Youth Development.

Pat will be working with the THCF Program Team in January to provide a custom workshop to support their commitment.

Would your team benefit from a workshop focused on building facilitation skills and capacity related to Positive Youth Development? Contact [Kay](#) to discuss the possibilities.



FEATURED RESOURCE

Board Book Bonanza - Just in time for Holiday Gift Giving!

Literacy is one of the greatest gifts you can give to a child and Lions Quest Canada is proud to offer some of the best board books available for building early social skills including -

[Hands Are Not For Hitting](#)

[Words Are Not For Hurting](#)

[Tails Are Not For Pulling](#)

[Pacifiers Are Not Forever](#)

[Germs Are Not For Sharing](#)

[Diapers Are Not Forever](#)

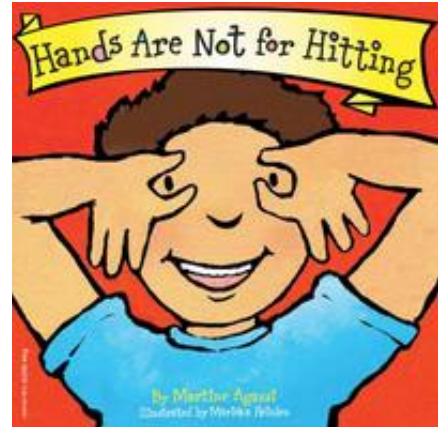
Share one of these great books with the little people in your life this holiday season!

Lions Quest Canada - The Centre for Positive Youth Development is proud to offer a variety of resources to support your connections with children, youth, parents, professionals and caring community members.

[Visit our selection of board books](#)

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If you have any questions please contact Kay at 1-800-265-2680 ext. 102



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